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In re the Application of

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider and cite of record the three U.S. patents listed on the attached, copies of which are submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith, is a copy of a partial European Search Report issued subsequent to completion of the search of February 10, 2003 in connection with European Application No. 01127426.3-2203 believed to correspond to the captioned application and in which the three references submitted here are cited.

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication through a foreign patent office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to today's filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

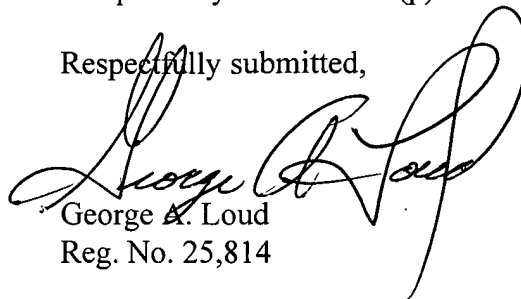
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Respectfully submitted,

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